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## Florida House Applauds Governor Scott for Signing Legislation to Curb Prescription Drug Abuse

**Tallahassee, Fla.** – Speaker Dean Cannon (R-Winter Park), Speaker pro tempore John Legg (R-Port Richey) and Representative Rob Schenck (R-Spring Hill), chair of the House Health & Human Services Committee and sponsor of HB 7095, today applauded Governor Rick Scott for signing legislation into law that aims to curb prescription drug abuse in the State of Florida.

"The voters of Florida sent us to Tallahassee to work together and tackle the problems facing our state. With that in mind, we made curbing prescription drug abuse a top priority," said Speaker Cannon. "I'd like to thank Governor Scott for signing into law today legislation that makes great strides in putting an end to the prescription drug abuse that plagues our state. I also want to thank Attorney General Bondi for her support on this legislation, as well as Senate President Haridopolos."

"I applaud Governor Rick Scott for signing this monumental legislation into law today," said Representative Schenck. "Prescription drug abuse has long been a scourge on our society and has stolen the lives of countless Floridians. That ends today with the signing of this comprehensive legislation that combats prescription drug abuse at the source and gives law enforcement the tools they need to go after bad acting doctors and pill mills."

"This legislation gives Florida the tools necessary to take decisive action in shutting down pill mills once and for all, and protecting Florida's citizens from the consequences of the reckless and cavalier nature in which these drugs are being peddled," said Representative Legg. "And it is my

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hope, all our hope, that this legislation will finally rid our society of the cancerous prescription drug abuse that has ravaged the lives of Floridians and plagued our communities."

Representative Schenck attended the signing of House Bill 7095 in the Tampa location and Speaker pro tempore Legg attended the signing event in Orlando.

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